## **Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Original) An acrylic synthetic fiber having a knot-like unevenness on a fiber surface thereof, a difference of distances between a depression and a projection of 5.0 micrometers to 15.0 micrometers, a distance between peaks of unevenness of 0.05 mm to 0.5 mm, a flexural rigidity value of the fiber of  $7.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N-m}^2/\text{m}$  to  $10.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N-m}^2/\text{m}$ , and a torsional rigidity value of the fiber of  $5.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N-m}^2$  to  $10.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N-m}^2$ .
- 2. (Original) The acrylic synthetic fiber according to Claim 1 comprising an acrylic copolymer having a content of acrylonitrile of not less than 60 mol%, a sulfur content originating in a vinyl based monomer including a sulfonic group of 0.15% by weight to 0.50% by weight, and a specific viscosity of 0.20 to 0.50.
- 3. (Currently amended) The acrylic synthetic fiber according to Claim 1 or Claims, wherein a 10% shrinkage starting temperature of the acrylic synthetic fiber is not less than 150 degrees C.
- 4. (Currently amended) An artificial hair comprising the acrylic synthetic fiber according to Claim 1, Claim 2, or Claim 3.
- 5. (New) The acrylic synthetic fiber according to Claim 2, wherein a 10% shrinkage starting temperature of the acrylic synthetic fiber is not less than 150 degrees C.
- 6. (New) An artificial hair comprising the acrylic synthetic fiber according to Claim 2.
- 7. (New) An artificial hair comprising the acrylic synthetic fiber according to Claim 3.